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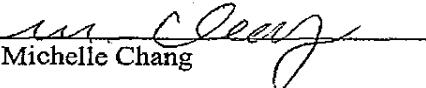
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed on December 10, 2003 regarding the above-identified application, Applicant elects Species of Figure 1, claims 1-5, 10, 12-14, 16 and 18, for further examination on merits. Please cancel claims 6-9, 11, 17 and 19 without prejudice and disclaimer.

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Respectfully submitted,
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